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EDITORIAL September 1997

Since our last publication, we - Paul Norman and I - have spoken at a number of Conferences and given lectures to various groups.

The first of these was at a local Secondary College where advanced students were doing "Problem Solving" assignments on the Space Age and were keen to learn what we had to say on the subject.

We were then invited to St. Michael's School, St. Kilda, to take part in a Seminar made up of a select group of astronomers from the Planetarium and Melbourne University as well as scientists from Monash University and SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) and several others from various chairs of learning. This lecture was exceptionally well attended. We found discussion with these scientists to be most advantageous.

After a brief respite, we headed off to Sydney for the "50 YEARS ON" Conference where we both had been requested to present papers

(mine on the 'Puddy Case' appears in this edition of the Bulletin). It was interesting to put faces to signatures or voices on the 'phone lines and to hear their respective points of view as well as the marketing products produced for the occasion.

The conference was well run by Moira McGhie and her small band of helpers, who also selected the accommodation carefully and it was excellent, Moira went to a great deal of trouble to make sure we were all comfortable and compatible and had plenty to eat. Tables were also located around the large hall for the convenience of speakers and any books or wares they may wish to sell.

It was also very pleasant to meet the Presenter, Mike Farrell of M*A*S*H fame, who carried out his task with great professionalism.

Altogether, I believe the Conference was a worthwhile effort, we enjoyed it and there is talk of others to come!

Odds cut on meeting intelligent aliens

Reuters Newsagency has reported the following:

London: Growing suspicion that there could well be something out there has led a British bookmaker to slash the odds on discovering extraterrestrial life.

William Hill cut odds on humans making contact with other forms of intelligent life on or before January 1, 2000, to 33-1.

William Hill spokesman Graham Sharpe said, We've been lowering the odds over the past couple of months. They were 1,000-1 at one point, before falling to 100-1.

There was all the excitement about possible life on Mars, and now speculation about what lies beneath the seas on Jupiter's moons, he said.

It was also possible that proof may already exist but not have been officially announced by governments.

People are beginning to accept that there is more and more out there, that more is known than has been given public airing.

ON THE UFO TRAIL

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Nearly 700 Roswell Declarations collected by VUFORS and over 20,000 from American UFO groups were submitted to the U.S. President and Congress, by Kent Jeffrey, author of the declaration.

In his letter to Judith Magee, he states, *"Thank you very much for the printout of the declaration signatories from Australia. Unfortunately, Roswell did not turn out to be what we thought it might be or hoped it would be. Nonetheless, our efforts might still not end up to be in vain. Perhaps we may still see legislation to mandate a more open policy on the part of the U.S. Government in this area."*

Again your efforts are greatly appreciated. Recording all those names and addresses must have been a great deal of work. I will keep you posted on any developments."

I personally, have been "on the fence" with regards to the "humanoids" but have noted the dummies dropped by the Air Force "explanation", took place in 1959, years after the Roswell incident which appears to be a major effort to shift attention away from the 50th anniversary publicity when in the past they have stressed there were no records of details. This could be an out of the frying pan into the fire situation because 1959 is the year that the Inspector General of the U.S. Air Force issued instructions to the pilots in

December of that year stating, 'Unidentified flying objects treated lightly by the press and referred to as flying saucers are serious business.' That was also the year of the Captain Killian encounter.(see ON THE UFO TRAIL June, 1997 edition")

Serious business indeed, because pilots and other people have lost their lives in the pursuit of, and investigations of UFOs. Another serious encounter occurred on 23 November 1953 when a UFO was detected by radar at Kinross Air Force Base, in Michigan.

An F89c jet was scrambled from the base to intercept the unknown object. The pilot was First Lt. Felix Moncla jr and radar observer Robert Wilson. They were vectored to the proximity of the UFO. As

they drew near the object there was a lot of static then radio communication failed altogether. However the blips of the UFO and that of the interceptor merged on the radarscope for twenty seconds before speeding away. The area was searched under the direction of the U.S. Coast Guard and the Canadian Air Force. No trace of aircraft and airmen were ever found.

Another serious encounter occurred in March. 1967 when radar in Cuba detected a UFO flying toward their air space. Two MIG jets were scrambled and vectored to the vicinity. Radio communications were monitored

"...flying saucers are serious business."

**Inspector General
U.S. Air Force 1959**

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between the pilots and Cuban Base. Conversation was heard at the Key West Naval listening station in Florida. The leading pilot reported that he had sighted the UFO. His first instruction was to challenge for identification. There was no reply. He was then directed to fire on the object which he did. The second pilot started shouting that the UFO flew alongside of the leading jet which disintegrated. The second jet disappeared as well.

Although the incident occurred in 1967, I had the opportunity to visit Key West in 1994, where it was confirmed to me that the encounter had indeed occurred.

One of the earlier serious encounters was that of Captain Thomas Mantell over the state of Kentucky, 7 January, 1948 when scores of witnesses observed a 'flying disc' near Godman Air Force Base. There were four Air National Guard P51 mustang aircraft flying nearby, that were directed to investigate. Three of the pilots turned back but Captain Mantell kept on in pursuit. His last words were it was a large flying disc and he was flying closer to get a better look. Years later I interviewed the foreman of the power line maintenance crew who witnessed the crash. He confirmed that the aircraft was in pieces before it hit the ground. I also checked with the Editor of the local newspaper in Franklin, Kentucky, near where

the encounter took place. He said the first he knew of the incident when a contingent from the military came to his Office looking for witnesses who had seen the flying disc.

The first explanation was that Captain Mantell was chasing the Planet Venus. But if true that planet was out of orbit flying below the clouds of Earth. The explanation was quickly changed to a balloon. But to Captain Mantell and investigators actually involved, the object was not referred to anything other than a flying disc.

The above examples are only a few to illustrate the motive behind the instructions to pilots.

The most recent "final" explanation is that the U.S. Airforce admitted lying to the public because during the cold war the aircraft were of high technology to be kept secret from the enemy. If that were true, Air Force investigators would not have been investigating the reports as they were doing at that time.

Finally, the type of reports of interest to me were occurring before the days of the aircraft manufactured on Earth and the same type of manoeuvres being reported are identical to the "flying shields" reported to have panicked ancient armies centuries ago.

ROSWELL TV SPECIAL - COMMENT

The 2 hour, TV special "Roswell 50 Years On" which was telecast early in July, was a commendable production. It handled very well the difficult task of maintaining continuity for those without prior knowledge of the subject. It also clearly indicated proven facts where they exist and exhibited various views where they did not.

It is to be hoped that TV news teams covering future UFO incidents accept this standard for their work.

Joan Price.

THE CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF MAUREEN PUDDY.

Judith M. Magee.

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The following paper was presented by the Society President, Judith Magee at the "50 Years On" conference held recently in Sydney.

These encounters occurred in 1972, but were never written up in our publications until the 1983 "Review". Maureen addressed one of our quarterly meetings in 1995 and was attentively accepted. It has been said by some 'researchers', who have never even met her, that her case was an 'abduction', but to Paul Norman and myself with whom she spoke at length, it would have been more like a form of mind control or hypnosis. Maureen had three odd experiences, all in 1972 and documented faithfully by VUFORS, but unfortunately not always by others.

Her story starts with a visit to the Royal Childrens' Hospital in Melbourne, where her son had been taken after an accident at school when a cupboard had fallen on him and broken his leg. He had been taken to the hospital by the "Angel of Mercy" Helicopter Air Ambulance Service.

While driving home from a visit to the boy on the 5th July, 1972, she called in at her mother's home for a cup of tea and a chat, leaving there at about 9.15 p.m., taking the shortcut along the Mooraduc Road from Frankston.

On this occasion, she saw a blue light reflected down over the car and thought it was the helicopter flying overhead, and may be trying to get a message to her, although how they could tell her car in the dark had not occurred

to her, so thought she had better stop and see what they wanted. She had not bargained on what confronted her. A large circular object, like two saucers placed together, with one upside down - the usual "saucer" shape. The object was possibly, in her estimating, two telephone poles high, and would have spanned the strip of road 24 feet wide, also taking in the 'nature strip' on either side of the road, making the 'saucer' approximately 100 feet across.

Having already alighted from the car, she leaned back against it, took a long look at the object and wondered what it was she was seeing. The object's surface was smooth with no joins, welds, seams or rivets, no doors, windows or portholes and no wheels. The huge object was radiating a brilliant blue light all around - an intense glow - there was no movement, no wobbling or rotating, but a faint humming could be heard.

She must have noted all these things while wondering what sort of aircraft it was and before fear took over; at which time she quickly got back into her car and drove off as fast as she could, only to find the object was maintaining its position just above and behind the car. No matter how fast she travelled, the object seemed to remain at the same distance.

Aware that the blue light was no longer with her, and seeing a very bright light streaking off in the opposite direction, Mrs. Puddy realised the chase must be over. It had followed her for about eight miles!

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The witness reported her sighting to the Police at Dromana, some family members and also some friends, who considered it all a bit of a joke, so she decided to say no more about it..... until about three weeks later.

Then on Tuesday 25th July, 1972, after having visited her son again, she followed a similar routine, a 'cuppa' with her mother enroute home, and left at almost the same time, about 9.15 p.m.

Maureen arrived at the Mooraduc Road, travelled on a short distance of about one mile, when the blue light appeared over her car once more. *"Oh no! Not again!"* she thought. *"This time I'm not going to stop"*. She grabbed the steering wheel more determinedly and put her foot flat to the floor, but the car just drifted to a stop on the side of the road. No matter what she did the Holden would not reply to her demands. She was wondering *"where do I go from here"*. Terrified, she gripped the wheel and looked out the windscreen to see the object hanging silently in the air above her car, the countryside bathed in blue light. Then a voice spoke to her, not audibly but in her head she said, as if words had been put into a computer and come out in the most beautifully modulated voice and perfect English she had ever heard. During this time she experienced a most unusual sensation. She said that 'if you could be in a vacuum' then she had been - Perfectly silent and still.

The message was: -

"Don't be afraid ... we mean you no harm.....your tests will be negative ... tell the Media (longer pause) you are now in control".

At that moment the car started up again as if she had turned the key. She sat there for a

moment or two, then drove off as fast as she could.

She stopped at the same police station only to find it closed, then went to the next, still on her way home. She told the officer, "I want to make a report of a sighting of a flying saucer", "Oh yes, Madam", came the reply. She insisted, in fear and frustration, so the policeman humoured her and she had it recorded.

Next morning she 'phoned Laverton R.A.A.F. Station to ask if they could offer any explanation of what she had seen, to which they replied that it could not have been an aircraft or balloon as neither would have been in the area at the time; but don't say anything as it could cause panic. They would send her a questionnaire to complete, but when later asked about this told me, "you'd have to be an astronaut to understand it", and I believe she did not bother to return it.

Naturally, we questioned Maureen regarding her experience in the car. What did the messages mean? She said she had not had any recent tests done, but some about six months ago proved negative. There was no use telling her not to be afraid, she was terrified! As for telling the media: she 'phoned three of the four T.V. stations. One was mildly interested since they were showing "Chariots of the Gods". Two made light of her news, so she did not bother to contact the fourth. I heard through a radio talk-back program, which in desperation, she had contacted, because the UFO-nauts had said to contact the media and she did not want to see them again!!

At this stage I had not actually met Maureen, only spoken to her on the phone - for one hour - but when I invited her to address one of our meetings at the National Mutual Theatre,

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agreed, and kept the full-house spell-bound for about two hours. The hall was crowded, there were even people in the lobby listening through the speaker system - thoroughly fascinated!

During the question period that night, Mrs. Puddy was really 'put through her paces'. "Did she think what she saw was a psychic phenomenon?" "Did she suffer any burns or after effects?" To both these questions she answered "No". "Did she think there were any other witnesses?" She thought there must have been one at least, because as she was approaching a railway crossing, she saw a man with a torch, leading a cow up one of the side roads. Surely the UFO must have passed very close to him, but would have been going in the same direction. Later the man's wife contacted her and also a lady living on a ridge, not far from the highway, - both had seen the light!

The third experience, which was purely psychic, occurred about six months later.

One Wednesday, I received a 'phone call from a rather agitated Maureen Puddy, who said she had been trying contact VUFORS. Her story goes:

For some days she had been hearing a voice calling to her to *"return to the meeting place"*. Believing she heard someone calling her name at the front door, she went to open it and her husband, who was an invalid in a wheel-chair, asked who it was, but there was no-one there! When she went shopping, she heard *"Maureen, Maureen, return to the meeting place"*, and she looked around to find there was no one near. She felt she had to go to the meeting place but she was too scared to go alone, so I told her that Paul Norman and I would be available when she wished to go. With very

little gentle persuasion she agreed to go that Wednesday evening.

Paul fuelled his car while I prepared a hot drink and some supper, for we didn't know whether or not we would be just sitting for most of the night and we would require some 'fuel' to keep us warm even though it was supposed to be summer.

I need not have been so apprehensive because the UFO-nauts had our evening all worked out for us. I had, over the 'phone to Maureen, described Paul's car and told her where we would meet her, opposite the electricity sub-station, where the road widens, at about 8.30 ~ 9 p.m. We were early and it was not yet dark so we could see Maureen's Holden station wagon when she arrived. She got out of her car and ran towards us saying she nearly "went off the road back there". I suggested she tell me about it as we drove to the meeting place.

Before going further I should perhaps add, that as I entered her car, I had the odd feeling that something was amiss, I was experiencing a tingling sensation (like that of a mild electric shock), which passed off quite quickly. Maureen then told me that in the centre of the front seat, between where the two of us sat, had appeared an entity completely clad in a type of gold foil suit. As she turned to look in his direction, she was so startled she almost ran off the road, It was quite obvious she was quite shocked by the eventful drive...

By this time we had reached the 'meeting place' which was somewhat hidden from passing traffic by a few trees. We drew to a stop and Paul came to sit in the back seat of the station wagon while I stayed in the front with Maureen.

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We were talking about the latest incident along the road, when suddenly, she grabbed my arm and pointed across her car, exclaiming: "There he is! Can't you see him?" and she shook my arm saying that I must be able to - I tried to explain to her that it was like closed circuit television - from him to her.

She said he was coming closer to the car, in fact, so close that if I put my arm out I could possibly touch him. He was now standing almost beside the front headlight, so I asked Paul to take a little walk around the car. As he came to where the entity was standing, the entity moved back to allow Paul to pass between him and the car. At this point the entity beckoned to Maureen to follow him, but she adamantly declared that she would not. I told her I'd go with her and tried to gently ease her out the car door, but she hung onto the steering wheel and would not budge.

The entity then became impatient when she would not follow and she became a trifle upset. He apparently disappeared behind bushes and she suddenly commenced describing the interior of the UFO. She told us that the entity was standing there pointing to a large "mushroom" like object in the centre of a large circular room. The centre object, which was taller than an average person, was a little like jelly, moving all the time; there were lines like those of Roman numerals around the lower portion. The top of the "mushroom" had lines on it and the whole thing seemed fixed to the floor. She was apparently looking around the room and became very agitated at this point, crying, "I can't get out! There are no doors or windows. I can't get out!" I put my arm around her shoulders in an attempt to calm her, and could feel tears on my hand. She was really upset and as I clearly visualised what Maureen was describing, I decided to direct my thoughts to the entity; nothing to lose and

maybe something to gain - as I was very concerned about Maureen's state, I felt she may have had a nervous collapse or even a stroke. I silently requested he take pity on the poor girl and suddenly she said, "he wants me to close my eyes". I replied that she should do so and almost immediately I felt her relax as if in a trance.

Again she began to describe the interior of the object and once again became agitated when she could see no way out of the vehicle. After a brief period she "came back to us" and we switched on the car's interior lights and asked if she would care for a cup of tea from our thermos flask. I had just handed Maureen her cup when she said, "Oh, I'm back in there again", and repeated the description, but this time somewhat more calmly, before stating, "he's gone. This time he's really gone. I can tell. It feels different".

She now seemed quite normal, so we went on with our supper, discussing the "mushroom" and trying to identify it. I asked if it could have been a gyroscope, but Maureen was not apparently familiar with that term so "compass" was suggested. She picked off a little gadget from the dashboard of her car and to my amazement it was exactly what I had envisaged from her description of the "mushroom. A small compass on a suction cup. I had not seen one before or since.

We did not dare let her drive home alone, nor did she wish it, in case of a return visit from our 'friend', or nerves on her part. I drove in her car with her and Paul followed in his car. I believe it was between 10.30 and 11.00p.m. when we arrived at her home which was quite some distance away. We did not take particular note of the time, but it was fairly late.

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Some thoughts on the third Puddy incident: -

1. Was I also able to communicate with the entity? Did he really receive my thoughts regarding her agitated state? If so, what thoughts can they receive from more important and 'delicate' situations than that particular one? Can they transmit to us?
2. Have you ever watched a "fun" hypnotist at work? "When I snap my fingers, you will go into a deeper trance" etc. Was the second meeting (July 25th 1972) about which Maureen stated that while she was

sitting in her car, just prior to the voice speaking to her, "that if you could be in a vacuum, then I have been in one" - such an incident? There was no sound, nothing moved, all was calm and quiet, then the voice delivered the message. Was this third incident due to the 'snapping of the fingers' when they urged her to act?

If this is so, how many people can they hypnotize, perhaps even in their sleep, so we react when "they" wish, whenever "they" 'snap' their fingers? I find this a very sobering thought.

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Believe it or not, city had own UFO 100 years ago

By MATT MOLINE
Special to The Capital-Journal

The crowd had gathered in downtown Topeka. People craned their necks toward the night sky, looking for the real or the imagined.

A few blocks away on the steps of the Statehouse other curious Kansans peered upward. They, too, scanned the sky for a glimpse of the unknown.

What they saw, or thought they saw, remains a mystery. But what is certain is that they all were caught up in the first U.S. hysteria related to the phenomenon of unidentified flying objects, or UFOs.

The eight-month nationwide UFO panic reached Topeka on the night of March 27, 1897 — 100 years ago this Thursday — with the alleged appearance in the sky of a blood-red "mystery airship." It reportedly was witnessed by more than a thousand residents.

About 200 of the observers watched the sensational light,

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RODS, CIGARS, MISSILES, OR ? WHAT IS GOING ON?

UFO investigators have been documenting sightings of cigar-shaped or missile-shaped UFOs for the past 50 years, and they are still being seen today.

At dusk on February 6, 1997, people in Perth, Western Australia reported seeing a hovering blue-green tube-shaped object in the day's fading daylight.

A large golden-yellow cigar-shaped object was seen two miles east of Canon City, Colorado on February 18, 1997. It hovered for 2 to 3 minutes above a mountain peak, long enough for the witness to snap a picture of the object.

A strange lime-green cigar-shaped object was seen over three towns in Queensland, Australia on February 21, 1997.

At 11 a.m. on March 19, 1997, five people watching from three different locations in Salida, Colorado observed a large cigar-shaped object flying north through the San Luis Valley. It was accompanied by six triangular craft.

In the videotape production of "Rods - Mysterious Objects Among Us," Jose Escamilla documents numerous accounts of huge pencil-like or cigar-shaped objects in the daytime skies over the United States. His first recording was made near Midway, New Mexico on March 19, 1994. It was of a high speed object trapped only momentarily on the videotape. Later recordings show similar objects passing behind telephone poles and wires as much as 1 1/2 miles from the video camera.

Jeff Ferris followed Escamilla's technique and started filming high-speed cigar-shaped objects in Tempe, Arizona in early December 1994.

Richard Gryzch filmed similar objects in Indiana in 1995.

On July 17, 1996, TWA Flight 800 exploded and crashed near Long Island, New York. According to *Aviation Week and Space Technology* magazine (March 10, 1997), an Air National Guard pilot reported seeing a missile-like object just seconds before the explosion of the big jet. Numbers of other people on the ground and in the air reported similar sightings.

On August 29, 1996, the pilot of American Airlines Flight 1170 saw a "missile off the right wing" as he flew over Wallops Island, VA at 1:45 p.m. In this case, radar data confirmed the sighting as being a missile fired as a part of a Navy test. The airliner was never in any danger according to officials.

Pilots of three commercial airlines reported seeing

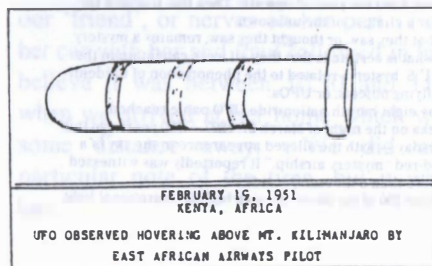
a missile over the New York area on March 17. The flight crews were from Northwest Airlines, Delta Air Lines and US Airways.

The first report came from the pilot of Northwest Airlines Flight 755. The DC-9 took off at 7:00 p.m. from Newark International Airport in New Jersey and about 15 minutes later the captain told control tower personnel about the missile sighting. Later, reports or similar sightings came in from the other two crews.

Some classic reports of missile-like objects can be found in *The UFO Evidence*, published by NICAP in 1964, as follows:

- At 2:45 a.m. on July 23, 1948, Eastern Airline pilots C.S. Chiles and J.B. Whitted were flying in the vicinity of Montgomery, Alabama, when they noticed a brilliant light loom up in front of the DC-3, hurtling head-on toward them. The UFO swooped down, veered to the right of the airliner, emitted a long red exhaust blast and shot straight up into the clouds. Captain Chiles later described the UFO as torpedo-shaped, about 100 feet long, with two rows of brightly-lit apparent windows along the side.
- On July 1, 1949, Tom Rush of Jackson, MS, saw a cigar-shaped object while approaching to land at Dixie Airport. The UFO crossed in front of his plane, accelerated and flew out of sight.

- On January 20, 1951, a bright light, source unknown, was observed from the control tower at Sioux City, Iowa, airport about 8:30 p.m. Chief Controller John Williams cautioned a Mid-Continent Airlines DC-3, which was about to takeoff; thinking it was another aircraft approaching the airport. Shortly after takeoff, Capt. Lawrence W. Vinther and Co-pilot James F. Bachmeier, in the DC-3, were startled to see the bright light closing on them very rapidly. Before they could take any action, the light flashed past the airliner and the pilots saw a clear silhouette of a cigar-shaped object behind the light. The co-pilot turned quickly, and there was the UFO pacing the airliner. The object had apparently reversed direction in an instant. Then the UFO shot straight up and disappeared.



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INVISIBILITY How Do UFOs Disappear From View?

For the past 50 years people have been puzzled by the way UFOs seem to disappear from view in a clear daylight sky. In one case, the witnesses said the disc-shaped object was flying across the sky when it faded from view. Another said the four objects were flying along and "just blinked out." A few minutes later they became visible again, but they had traveled quite a distance in a straight line while they were not visible.

Experts have had a difficult time explaining the apparent invisibility of UFOs. Some experts believe the UFOs go into "another dimension," while others are convinced the observers are just mistaken.

When our aerospace industry developed the stealth capability for our military aircraft, some people interpreted this to mean that the planes were actually invisible. However, all it meant was that the radar signature (or size) was minimized through use of radar absorbing materials on the exterior of the aircraft. Stealth planes can still be seen with optical spotting devices (eyeballs, binoculars, telescopes, etc.).

Aerospace technology has copied many of the reported characteristics reported in UFO incidents. Now, it appears we are on the brink of making airplanes appear invisible as well. Several technical publications have exposed how this can be done, but *POPULAR SCIENCE*, May 1997, described the process in simple terms, as follows:

"The pentagon has tested thin fluorescent panels of the type already used on military aircraft for nighttime formation flying. A civilian technician working at the isolated Tonopah Test Range airstrip in Nevada says he witnessed a test of an F-15 Eagle with a prototype system. According to the technician, the fighter virtually disappeared as it lifted off the runway."

"We had no problem acquiring the aircraft from about a mile away," the technician recalls. "but at distances over two miles it became harder and harder to spot. Although it was a crude system, it was pretty impressive. Trying to pick out the aircraft against a clear blue sky was next to impossible. The only time we could easily spot the aircraft was when it produced an unexpected contrail."

"An even more experimental active-camouflage system used thin sheets of light emitting polymer that glow and change color when charged.

Different voltages cause the sheets to glow blue, gray, white, or whatever shade is needed to match the sky."

"But what about concealing an aircraft from an enemy flying above it? Defense contractors have told *POPULAR SCIENCE* that an even more exotic skin is being tested on two stealth aircraft at the high-security Groom Lake air base in Nevada. The skin is derived from an electromagnetically conductive polyaniline-based radar-absorbent composite material. It is optically transparent except when electrically charged, much like the LCDs used in laptop computers. What makes this new material attractive is that it can change brightness and color instantaneously. Photo-sensitive receptors, mounted on all sides of the plane, read the ambient light and color of the sky and ground. An on board computer adjusts the brightness, hue, and texture of the skin to match the sky above the plane or the terrain below it. The system is also claimed to make the aircraft even stealthier. The electrically charged skin dissipates radar waves, reducing the range at which an air defense radar can track the aircraft by as much as 50 percent."

There is no reason to expect that *POPULAR SCIENCE* has shown us anything more than the tip of the iceberg on the technology of invisibility. However, it is now less difficult to understand how the UFOs are doing it.

HOLOGRAMS AND UFOs

Some UFO researchers have been suggesting that UFOs are really just holographic projections done by intelligence agencies to fool the public. I won't go into the reasons for these claims, but the concept is interesting.

One can get an idea about how real the images can appear by going to Disney Land or Disney World, a place where the public is entertained by holographic images every day of the year. In addition, highway engineers are producing holographic signs to project traffic bulletins above the highway. Does all of this verify the claim that UFOs are nothing more than holograms? I think not.

The *VANCOUVER SUN*, May 12, 1997, describes how the United States Army is planning to use laser-generated images to fool the enemy. The schedule for this new method of deception is sometime in the next 10 years. If true, then Army holograms do not explain the past 50 years of UFO reports. The *SUN* describes the situation as

follows:

"Scientists at the Army Research Laboratory in Maryland say that within 10 years, many of the forces seen by enemy troops on the battlefield may be no more than three-dimensional, laser-generated images. Holograms could be used to make an army look larger than it really is, divert enemy fire from real forces or keep enemy troops out of territory not yet occupied."

"The techniques are still in their infancy, with several problems to overcome. But researchers in the lab's non-linear optics team have made what they believe to be a major breakthrough. Previously, creating holograms took hours and making them move was difficult. Now, however, an object can be "photographed" and projected over long distances as a hologram almost instantly."

"Our research has been fruitful in terms of science and a lot of potential applications, but we haven't seen any of them mature enough to be put in an army system yet," said Dr. Gary Wood, who is leading the research. He said, however, that development could allow battlefield use within a decade. Already small objects can be "photographed," projected and moved slowly. The team is working on how to speed up movement, photograph large objects such as tanks, and make them appear in more natural color. Currently, large objects can blur at the edges, and the images are monochrome."

"Previously, holograms had to be "developed" like a photograph, or else built up by computer. Neither process was quick. The army's new technique uses a laser to illuminate an object and "write" its image into a photo-refractive crystal. Another laser then projects that image into a liquid-scattering material."

"Wood added that his group had been inspired by the full-color projection of Princess Leia delivering a message to Luke Skywalker in the film *Star Wars*. "If we can get that far, we will be doing all right," he said."

SPACE CAMERAS SEE THINGS ENTERING THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE

The *Houston Post*, May 29, 1997, describes the success of NASA's new Polar Spacecraft's cameras in photographing the thousands of house-sized comets that are punching holes in the Earth's upper atmosphere every day.

"The holes, eight to 16 miles in diameter, are

caused by the breakup of (loose, fluffy) snowballs weighing 20 - 40 tons. They crash into the atmosphere 600 to 15,000 miles above the Earth."

"One set of pictures, taken in ultra-violet, shows the shadows cast by the comets' water vapor against the Earth's "day glow," the surface of the atmosphere shining in the sunlight. Other photos, taken in visible light, show the trail left by oxygen and hydrogen molecules stripped from the comets as they streaked through the atmosphere at 5,000 to 8,000 mph."

It will be interesting to see whether or not these comets can explain some of the objects seen in the Space Shuttle video images or in the videos of the rod-like objects taken at various places in the United States.

HUMANOID PHYSIOLOGY

A speculative article published in the August 1979 issue of *THE MUFON UFO JOURNAL* suggested that "the humanoid is not composed of striated muscle, but rather smooth muscle tissue." That would explain how they could operate the devices that paralyze humans without paralyzing themselves. In 1979 there was no other apparent explanation for the behavior of the humanoid's movement in a field that paralyzed humans.

Now, Chemists at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute have created a polymer that can respond to electric fields in 100 milliseconds. This matches the reaction time of human muscle to brain signals, a major advance in devising a material that could replace damage muscle. The breakthrough was described in *MACHINE DESIGN* magazine (May 8, 1997).



THE EARLY YEARS

(A selection of reports from "The Australian Flying Saucer Magazine" published by the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau in the early 1950's)

Mackay, North Queensland - May 17, 1953

Captain B.L. Jones, an Australian National Airways pilot, reported by radio that a "strange object, like a lighted glass dome" was manoeuvring around his plane just south of the city. At 6.08 p.m. he reported to the Civil Aviation Department Control Tower in Mackay that the object manoeuvred around his plane, a DC3 airliner, then crossed his path and disappeared west, travelling fast. This happened on May 10.

A check with the control tower at the airport showed that there were no other aircraft in the vicinity. Mr. W. Overell, who was in charge of the control tower, said he saw the light apparently climbing from about 4/5000 feet west at a terrific rate until it vanished, and Captain Jones, who still had it under observation then, said that it crossed his path again near Freshwater Point. Frank Hines, a radio operator, saw it again at 3.00 a.m. the following morning, at first as a light to seaward. There were no planes about, he said, and puzzled, he switched off the lights in the radio room in order to see it better. The object then shot straight upwards at terrific speed and vanished.

Melbourne, Victoria - May 19, 1953

The Civil Aviation Department announced that it had banned the release of flying saucer reports made to it. The announcement said that the department had received Captain Jones' sighting. (Mackay, Queensland), but that it would not release the report or comment on it. "We have decided", the statement continued, "that people will discuss sightings more freely if they know their reports will not expose them to ridicule". The department announced, too, that it had examined every responsible report but had not yet formed any conclusions. Another Melbourne report the same day said that the Civil Aviation Department believes that there is some basis for reports of mysterious flying objects in the skies.

New Plymouth, New Zealand - August 1, 1953

A policeman and his wife reported that they had kept a strange aerial visitor in view for half a minute at 2.20 p.m. from their kitchen window. The object appeared at first on the horizon, travelling at about 40 m.p.h. at an estimated height of 300 feet. It was oval at first but lost its shape slightly as it approached.

Constable Huggard, in a personal report to the Civilian Saucer Investigation Society in Auckland, described the object as "circular and silver-coloured. It had a rim of a lighter colour round its circumference", he said, "and appeared to be about 8 feet across, climbing rapidly when viewed".

Lismore, New South Wales - November 28, 1953

Four residents revealed that on October 5 they had watched an illuminated flying object manoeuvring offshore near the East Ballina lighthouse. The object appeared at eighteen minutes to midnight approaching the lighthouse at great speed. When it was a mile or two offshore they said it suddenly became stationary, remaining that way for three or four minutes. The object was circular and it gave off a "whitish-ivory glow tinged with orange". It appeared to be about 30 feet across. It suddenly disappeared in a southerly direction.

These archives were made available to VUFORS by Mr Murray Bott of New Zealand.

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UFO SIGHTING: Emeryville, California, September 17, 1996

By Virgil Staff, State Director, MUFON No. California

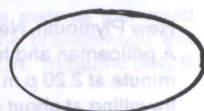
There was excitement at Charley Brown's. Someone had entered the restaurant about 9:00 PM and reported the presence of a UFO just outside the front doors. Over the next 20 minutes or so, nearly everyone had the opportunity to step outside on the front steps, and all those interviewed, with the exception of one, gave essentially similar reports. The one different report is as follows: "It was nothing! It was just a star, and nothing more! There is no such thing as a UFO!" While she stated this to this writer, she was inscrutably emotional, and the usual gentle lines of her face were tightened.

The manager, several waitresses, and a host of customers, are known to have stepped out to view the luminous enigma. What they saw was a self-luminous, ellipsoidal aerial display hanging in the night sky at approximately 85-90 degrees just in front of, and almost directly over, the restaurant. Since I-80 is less than 1000 feet from the entrance, it would not be expected that there would be any reports of emitted sounds. The luminous ellipsoid was "clear-white in color," until the time when it began swiftly moving upward. At that time, it turned "candy-like red", as the manager reported, and ascended in short jerks or steps. One of the waitresses reported it began to move in "giggles", or stages until it could no longer be seen.

There were no estimates of the luminosity size, but three individuals agreed that it was as large as two fists placed together, and at arms length. So one can assume it must have been rather large. All agreed that the luminosity was rather high, although there was a later discussion with this writer, out on the front steps, in which the subject of debate was whether it was high and huge, or much lower, but still huge.

Charley Brown's, in Emeryville, California, is located on the east end of the "L" shaped

peninsula with the short end of the "L" being to the west. It is a short distance from the Holiday Inn, and will shortly be changing its name. Its approximate location is 37 degrees, 50 minutes and 24 seconds North Latitude, and 122 degrees, 18 minutes, 24 seconds West Longitude. It faces I-80 at an angle, and faces approximately 138.75 degrees plus 18.9 minutes of change. Actual declination has been calculated at 15.75 degrees, with 18.9 minutes of change.



Two Fists
at
Arms Length

When this writer spoke to various employees some two days after the incident, they continued to be excited when speaking of the event. Concerning the manager, more than one waitress informed this writer that "___ kept saying: 'I wish Virgil was here. Where is he now that we need him?'"

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Crack in the Cosmic (UFO) Watergate

Nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman calls it the Cosmic Watergate. Cosmic, as in crashed flying saucers. Watergate, as in a 50-year effort to keep the greatest secret of all time hidden from the American people.

Now, 50 years after the alleged crash of an extraterrestrial craft outside Roswell, New Mexico, evidence is growing that could put an end to five decades of official denials that this planet has been visited by beings from far, far away.

This summer, the former head of the Army's office of foreign technology will publish a book claiming he participated in an above-top-secret program to study the technology of captured alien spacecraft. Publication is intended to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Roswell Crash.

Philip Corso was a former Army intelligence officer and battalion commander at the White Sands Missile Range who decided to tell what he says is an insider's account of the country's most closely guarded secret.

Before dismissing Corso's claims as an act of imagination or faulty memory, you should know that Corso is but the latest, although highest-ranking, of a growing number of purported whistle-blowers. Each claims that the United States — or highly compartmentalized elements of the intelligence, military and industrial communities — has absolute knowledge of extraterrestrial visitors because we have recovered alien crafts that have crashed.

A fellow I knew who worked at the now-notorious Area 51, said that managers of the secret program al-



PATRICK MCCARTNEY

ways feared what would happen as the thousands of participants in the off-the-books, unacknowledged programs finally retired after 30 or 40 years. Some might eventually be willing to defy the severe penalties of the their security oaths, and tell their families, or the world, about their activities.

In a variation of the UFO-research concept of "escalation of hypothesis," in recent years there appears to be an escalation of credibility of the self-described witnesses who have stepped forward: ■ Las Vegas resident Bob Lazar electrifies the UFO community in 1989 with claims he worked at a secret site outside Area 51, where he was asked to back-engineer the propulsion system of a flying saucer.

Strong points: His naval intelligence W-2 form and sightings of strange flying objects on the nights he predicted. Weak point: Lazar's educational claims appear bogus.

■ Las Vegas broadcast journalist George Knapp claims to have 14 other sources who corroborate Lazar's story, but none are willing to go public.

■ Retired U.S. Army Sergeant-Major Robert O. Dean begins to tell the story of his last assignment, in 1963, at the headquarters of NATO in Paris, France. Dean said he reviewed NATO's top-secret assessment of the UFO phenomenon, which describes UFO

crashes other than Roswell, alien autopsies and different species of extraterrestrial visitors.

■ In 1994, a 70-year-old mechanical engineer from southern Nevada, Bill Uhouse, tells Area 51 researcher Glenn Campbell that he worked on a secret program to build a flight simulator for an anti-gravity spacecraft for 20 years. Uhouse furnishes mementos from his top-secret career, and his family supported his story.

■ North Carolina physician Steven Greer launches Project Starlight, a campaign to encourage members of what some call the satellite government to step forward and share their stories. In 1996, he appeals to the president and government leaders to release the willing witnesses from their national security oaths, saying the secret saucer program has been operated outside constitutional boundaries.

■ This year, a member of the New York Academy of Science, Michael Wolf, announces that he too worked on alien technology in a secret program at Area 51. Wolf said that he is dying from a spinal disease and wants to tell what he knows before he dies.

■ Add to the above the claim by a man in his 80s that he filmed an autopsy of an alien in New Mexico in 1947, and handed the film over three years ago to a British record producer. The cameraman of the notorious alien autopsy has not been identified, and the film itself is still subject to a heated debate over its authenticity.

While UFO researchers still do not have an indisputable piece of physical evidence, the amount of personal testimony is approaching a point of critical mass. If there is a Cosmic Watergate, 1997 may be the year that it cracks wide open.

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THE EXTRAORDINARY AFFAIR OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY'S OWN TEXT-BOOK ON UFOS IN THE 1960s

By Gordon Creighton

As long ago as 1971 (FSR Vol. 17, No. 4, pp. 27/28) we gave a brief account of the amazing business of the U.S. Air Force's own Course with which they were secretly instructing their cadet-officers in the U.S. Air Force Academy at Denver, Colorado, about the accused subject of UFOs!

Some years ago I secured the complete text of the Course (which, in the meantime, needless to say, had reportedly been withdrawn and discarded from use as soon as the knowledge of its existence had leaked

out!).

The Course had been compiled during the 1960s by one of the Academy's own Instructors, Major Donald G. Carpenter, and it was tacked on as the final chapter to a general instruction course entitled INTRODUCTORY SPACE SCIENCE (32 Chapters) supplied for the Academy's Department of Physics Course, PHYSICS 370. And the Chapter on UFOs ended with the following interesting words:-

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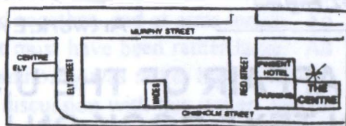
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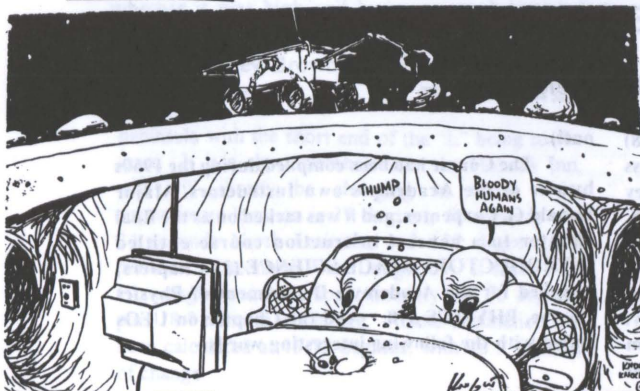
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We learned that the official "explanation" for the existence of such a strange and embarrassing Air Force text-book was that the final chapter of it had been entirely "unofficial", and simply the fruit of the private idiosyncrasies of its author, Major Donald Carpenter! This pleasant little suggestion is surely unlikely to have gained much acceptance in the world at large.

The text as I give it below is taken from *UFO Research Newsletter Vol. 1, No. 1*, of April 1971, edited by Gordon I.R. Lore, Jr., and circulated by the UFO Research Associates, of Washington, D.C.

We have thus had it on file for over twenty-five years, awaiting an opportunity for us to reprint it when the pressure on FSR's limited and valuable space might "let up" slightly. Apart from our original reference to this subject in FSR 17/4 (1971) we also touched upon it briefly again on page 19 of FSR 32/2 (1987). -EDITOR

I. Introductory Comments By UFO Research Associates (Editor Gordon I.R. Lore)

There is no evidence that UFOs are extraterrestrial. So the U.S. Air Force has been telling us for nearly a quarter of a century. Yet, the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado, has, for several years, been teaching its budding young officers just the opposite — that UFOs are *probably* extraterrestrial probes.

Major Donald G. Carpenter, Academy instructor, wrote Chapter XXXIII of the Academy's Department of Physics textbook *Introductory Space Science*, Volume II, entitled "Unidentified Flying Objects". Its contents leave no doubt as to its belief in the validity of many UFO reports and cadets are still being taught its contents more than two years after the negative conclusions of the Air Force-sponsored University of Colorado UFO Project report and more than a year following the demise of Project Blue Book, the official Air Force organ that had investigated UFO reports for more than two decades.

"The most stimulating theory for us," its author proclaims, "is that UFOs are material objects which are either 'manned' or remote-controlled by beings who are alien to this planet. There is some evidence supporting this viewpoint."

Modern reports cited as evidence include some of the most startling cases on record.

August 21, 1955. Kelly, Kentucky. About 8

p.m. Witnesses heard dogs barking and saw a bright UFO land. Then they saw a three and one-half foot tall creature with a round head, long arms, webbed hands and claws, approach. Grabbing shotguns, the observers expended about 50 rounds of ammunition at this and other creatures. One was knocked down, but got up and ran away.

July 24, 1957. Kuril Islands (Far East). Russian anti-aircraft batteries fired on luminous, fast-moving UFOs, but no hits were reported.

November 4, 1957. Fort Itaipu, Brazil. A large object emitting a "humming sound" shot a heat ray at two sentries. One collapsed, the other roused the rest of the troops, who were in a state of panic. "Both sentries were found badly burned... one unconscious and the other incoherent, suffering from deep shock."

September 19, 1961. Near Portsmouth, N.H. Betty and Barney Hill saw a huge UFO, then had a two-hour mental blackout. More than two years later, while undergoing hypnoanalysis, both related a remarkable, science fiction-like experience of being abducted on board a spacecraft and minutely examined by its occupants.

April 24, 1964. Socorro, N.M. Police Officer Lonnie Zamora saw a UFO resting on four stilt-like legs in a gully. Beside the craft was a white, small "figure". The UFO took off, leaving a burned out area and four holes in the ground. An intensive Air Force investigation caused the case to be listed as "unidentified" in Air Force files.

"UFOs are a global phenomenon which may have persisted for many thousands of years..." Major Carpenter wrote. "UFO sightings... appear to extend back 47,000 years through time... one has the feeling that this phenomenon deserves... valid scientific investigation..."

More recently, however, through the great kindness of Mr. Lucius Farish of the famed UFO NEWS-CLIPPING SERVICE, No 2 Carey Valley Drive, Plumerville, Arkansas 72127, USA (and we take this opportunity to thank him for it) we have managed to secure a photostat of the whole of Chapter XXXIII, entitled "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS", which consists of pages 455-468, inclusive, of the book *INTRODUCTORY SPACE SCIENCE (VOLUME 2)*.

That the American Air Force Authorities could still have been teaching its contents to their Cadets (future Air Force Officers!) more than two years after the negative conclusions of the Air-Force-sponsored University of Colorado UFO Project Report (*The Condon Report*) and more than a year following the demise of *Project Blue Book* (the official Air Force organ that had allegedly been investigating UFO reports for more than two decades) still strikes us as so utterly *fascinating*, and so indicative of total "absentmindedness" on the part of the U.S. Air Force, that we feel sure all our readers would like to have the opportunity to savour its entire text:-

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— Book Review —

by George Simpson.

LEFT AT EAST GATE

by Larry Warren and Peter Robbins

A First-Hand Account of the Bentwaters-Woodbridge UFO Incident, its Cover-up and Investigation.

This incident occurred in late December 1980 just outside an American defence facility located in England and has been often referred to as the Rendlesham Forest U.F.O. incident.

Larry Warren is one of the Security Officers with the U.S. forces who was on duty at the time of the encounter with the U.F.O. This is one of the very few cases where an officer or member of the armed forces has come forward with details of such a highly classified nature. There are good reasons for this. When he and the other officers were debriefed the following day they were instructed not to talk about it to anyone. When Larry questioned this he was told that "bullets are cheap".

The description of the encounter with the strange craft and its occupants is unique. To clarify this, although the encounter is typical of a close encounter of the third kind it contains details of effects that one could only describe as a result of personal experience. The craft appeared to attract their shadows even though it was the only source of light at the time! Impossible, you might say, however if we are describing an event involving the presence of unknown technology, then it could have many attributes that we would find alarming or even disturbing.

What I found to be more disturbing was the way the officers were expected to just "forget it and get on with your life". After such a mind boggling encounter with alien technology, and its occupants, you would surely expect them to be given a long term orientation or education program in order to minimise security risks. Had they done this they may have even saved a life as one of the men committed suicide as a result of being told that religion was no more than an artificial social mechanism that had been introduced to man as a behaviour control.

The debriefing itself as described by Warren also supports other U.F.O. cases. The security officers were shown film of UFOs filmed during the 2nd world war, the Korean war, Vietnam and during the Apollo missions including footage of UFOs landed on the surface of the moon. No one is expecting this film to be released in the near future.

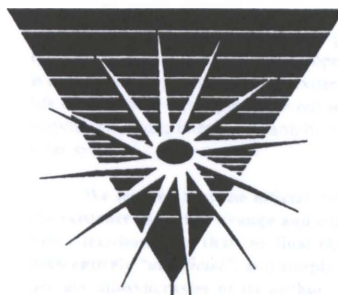
Warren supplies much in the way of supportive documentary evidence for his case and appears to be fairly level-headed. Like all good U.F.O. cases this book will strengthen the beliefs of U.F.O. researchers while giving plenty of ammunition to the muddle-headed debunkers.

Regardless of your position on the reality or otherwise of U.F.O encounters and or the existence of extraterrestrials, this book is well worth your time.



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Prague Encounter Draws Much Interest

Tuesday, January 7, 1992. John left his office in Oklahoma City around 6:30 P.M. On his way home, he stopped in Choctaw at a convenience store. While there, he noticed some peculiar lights in the sky. He became alarmed, thinking that an airplane must have been flying at a dangerously low altitude. He drove further along I-40, heading east. When he turned off at the Seminole exit, he again saw the lights in what he determined was the same location. Over a half dozen miles north, the observer arrived at his home. John parked the car, turned to get his coat from the back seat and saw the two lights again through the car window, only now they were much closer.

"Come outside and look at this!" John exclaimed, urging his wife and daughter to follow him back outside. His wife didn't want to look, but all three of them arrived on the front lawn of their country home. His wife became extremely nervous, then began joking about the lights in order to alleviate her fear of the sighting. She went back inside to obtain a pair of binoculars.

While his wife was inside, the man and his teen-aged daughter observed a much smaller red light approach from the west, pass in front of one of the giant white lights and then go behind the other and disappear.

Thanks to the aid of the binoculars, they observed the two lights for another ten minutes or so. They could not discern any shape behind them, although at times a greenish cast was seen below the lights.

According to the report, written by lead investigator Lori Theis, "...the lights were south of their position at 45-90 degrees above horizon..."

Later, investigators determined that the illuminations were probably no more than a half mile away.

The lights were described as two large, round, very bright white lights, a little smaller than a full moon. The lights never moved vertically, only side to side a slight bit. And when they did move, the lights moved exactly together—never separating. At first John thought that maybe the lights on the microwave tower about one mile south of them were messing up, but quickly realized that the tower lights were still flashing normally and the unidentified lights were in front of and three times higher than the tower.

The witnesses didn't think of the concept, "UFO", until the next event occurred.

Out of the northwest came fifteen to twenty helicopters. As they

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approached, they separated into two clusters, the left group swinging around to the east of the unidentified lights and the other group hovering just to the west. They then converged on the lights simultaneously.

John said after this, the lights took off "like a bullet" and disappeared to the west. The choppers flew away to the west after remaining in the area for another 15 to 20 minutes after the lights left.

When asked if the lights blotted out any stars on their path, John said he didn't notice. But, the lights stayed together when they sped away. At 10:00 P.M. the lights returned for 3-5 minutes and then the witnesses saw them leave abruptly again to the west.

John and his wife commented that it had been a very clear night with many stars visible, but when they went outside later, after the sighting, there was not a star to be seen, even though there was no cloud cover. There were no outside sounds either...no animals, coyotes, frogs...nothing.

Their pet dog went crazy during the sighting, barking loudly. They have five cats, which live outside. They, too, became panic-stricken. One escaped into the house and cowered under the furniture. The other four disappeared for nearly a week. When they returned they were fine.

The wife was reluctant to talk, but did verify the story. The teenaged daughter was extremely nervous and the investigators did not bother her other than to obtain verification. An elderly couple, living across the road to the east, also saw the lights but would not meet with the investigators.

One further item was quite interesting. John had a high, mercury vapor security light in the yard. After the event, he noticed that it had gone out. A repairman determined that the bulb had exploded. There was no explanation for this happening.

Investigators:

Lori Theis, Connie Theis, and Richard Seifried

Location: Near Prague, Oklahoma

Date: January 7, 1992

Time: 7:30 P.M. CST

Weather:

Temperature approximately 50 Degrees Fahrenheit

Winds: Calm

Visibility: Excellent

Ceiling: Unlimited

(This changed somewhat after the sighting concluded.)

Investigator's Comments

John is an honest and cooperative man, and I sincerely believe he and his family witnessed something pretty incredible. I have no speculation as to what it might have been, but it was indeed something very unusual. Hopefully more witnesses and information will come to light.





Linda Moulton Howe

Subject: UFO's, Crop Circles, Roswell etc.
Venue: Hotel Y CATO Conference centre
 YWCA Melbourne Australia
Date: 29 May 1997
Report: Jason Cowland

Linda Moulton Howe is perhaps best known for her work in Animal Mutilations over the last number of years. Most people in the UFO community will know of her publication "A Strange Harvest" which later also became a video with the same title. The opportunity to hear her speak live to 300 eager listeners on a number of UFO topics she has been working on was too good to pass up. She was introduced as an Emmy award winning journalist and to my surprise covered a number of UFO issues in detail other than Animal mutilations, such as Roswell, Crop circles, Chupacabra's and Abductions.

Linda started the night with some UFO footage from US television newsreels from March 13 1997. Unexplained flying V lights created a minor flap at this time in which the objects were reported in Northern US States and continued to be reported at the same time heading to the Southern States. The news videotape of the flying V lights reminded me of the well known Cash, Landrum case in 1980. The suspect involvement of the US militaries knowledge about these type of vehicles was present as the reports frequently speculated a possible unknown military aircraft.

Animal mutilations were next on the agenda and for those who know of Linda's work in this area there were no new earth shattering breakthroughs with the information she presented. She spoke about the type of

surgical cuts, removal of organs and no apparent blood trail in the mutilations. However, one interesting note was the fact animal mutilations are not isolated to cattle alone; pigs, rabbits, deer etc. have been reported to her.

One of the new developments in the subject of UFOs is that of the Chupacabra's. Linda touched on this subject in which the audience had little knowledge of. She basically covered what has been reported in the UFO literature. She also had footage of an eyewitness who himself actually suffered wounds from an attack by one of these creatures. The wounds were puncture holes in the right forearm.

Perhaps the best footage of the night was that of Crop circles taken from the air. To see such spectacular patterns in the wheat fields almost made you forget why we were there. One piece of film actually shows the apparent formation of a Crop circle at night. It certainly is breathtaking to see the Crop circle develop from strange lights hovering over the field. However, Linda did doubt some of the film because of a break in the frames before the strange lights appear.

Almost the whole world now knows of the Santilli autopsy footage and this is one area in which I felt would not be covered because of the controversy surrounding the exposure. Linda mentioned 2 different types of autopsy footage which only the second type has been commercially shown. She presented some interesting facts about particular parts of the film, but it is still a touchy area. One needs to make up his or her own mind.

With all the publicity UFOs have been getting recently, naturally Roswell was going to be

covered. After hearing Linda talk about her involvement in this case, I personally have much more respect for her work. Maybe because I thought of her work only in Animal mutilations.

Linda came across some alleged debris from the Roswell crash. Two pieces of debris were sent to her from an unnamed source who was in the military and claimed that one of his close relatives was involved in the crash clean up of 1947. Basically, after subjecting this material to a series of tests, including Mass Spectroscopy to identify element isotopes, it was discovered that one side of the debris contained element #83 Bismuth (Bi) and the other #12 Magnesium (Mg) with small traces of #30 Zinc (Zn); the Bismuth was the key. Linda had contacted a metallurgist to evaluate the findings. The metallurgist could not explain why such elements were together or how they were made. The pieces of debris were about 2.5cm long, 1.7cm wide and 0.5cm in height, they consisted of layers of the above mentioned elements Bi on Mg on Bi on Mg etc.

Lockheed Aerospace was then contacted to see if they could provide any light on the subject. Lockheed was surprised at the combination of the two elements and did say that Bismuth has been experimented with in the use of nuclear power and it is known to have some magnetic field repelling characteristics. Linda then exposed the debris to a Vandegraph generator (an instrument used to produce a magnetic field) and the debris did show signs of magnetic field repulsion (videotape footage was shown to the audience to demonstrate the test). This certainly was the most interesting topic with interesting results on Linda's behalf.

The night was concluded with an abduction case of Jim Sparks and then some time to answer questions. Linda covered a wide range of topics and had other interesting things to say including thought provoking comments on Bob

Lazar. Overall it was an excellent night. Although I believe Stanton Friedman is a better researcher, Linda covered her topics in more specific detail probably because of the nature of the audience; 1500 people at Dallas Brooks Hall for Stanton in November compared to 300 at the Hotel for Linda. Naturally Stanton had to be more general. Melbourne has been deprived of these nights and to be a part of it was truly spectacular.

VUFORS thanks Jason Cowland for providing this report on Linda Moulton Howes visit to Melbourne in May.

Jason is a VUFORS member who also hosts a radio program dedicated to the UFO subject.

"Encounters" can be heard on 97.9FM, Thursday nights at 10:30pm.



ELECTIONS

At our Annual General Meeting to be held on December 1st, a new Committee will either be declared or elected.

All nominations must be submitted on a clean sheet of paper; must also be signed by a nominator, seconder, who together with the nominee, must be financial members of this Society.

All nominations are required to be in the hands of the Secretary NO LATER than the 1st of November, 1997.



UFO**Sighting Report**

Unidentified Contact

A letter to VUFORS

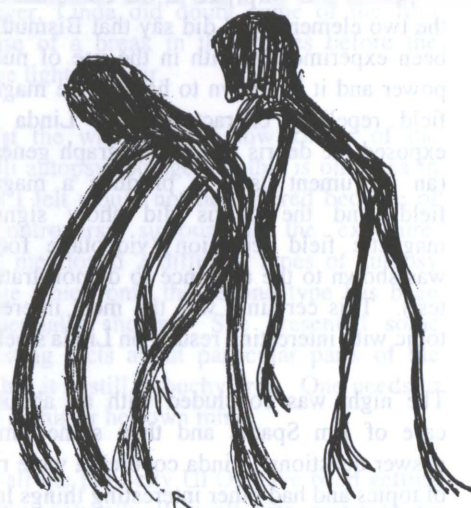
On Wednesday February 19, 1997 at approximately 3:10am in the morning, I was returning home from a friends house in St Albans, Victoria. I was nearly home, turning left from Fountain drive Narre Warren, to Chateau Ave. I noticed something unusual in my headlights in the distance on the right hand side of the road, on the footpath about 80 metres away from me. I noticed what looked like two children playing on the footpath. A thought came into my head "Isn't it unusual for children to playing on the streets at this time of the night!". As I approached, it became obvious that what I thought were children were not. What I saw were two featureless, long hunched, stick like figures about 4ft tall in height. They had long skinny arms stretching to the ground. They also had long skinny legs and a skinny body which looked no wider than 20cm in diameter. They had no facial features and appeared to be wearing a dark one piece body suit, black in color which covered their whole bodies including their heads. As my car closed in to about 15 metres, I noticed that they became frightened when they saw me. Although the incident could only have taken seconds, it seemed to take much longer. It was surreal. At that instant they scurried across in front of my car at great speed. At no stage did I slow down to stop. I was travelling at approximately 35km per hour. At that time I became scared when I realised that what I saw was totally alien to anything I had ever seen or experienced in my life. I put my foot to the accelerator pedal and looked in the rear vision mirror and noticed they had crossed into the front yard of a house on the opposite side of the street. I sped home shaken and spent a

sleepless night pondering over what had occurred. The next day I returned to the place of the incident and noticed that they had crossed the road at number 16 Chateau Ave. and entered into the front yard of number 13 Chateau Ave. Narre Warren.

At no stage was I tired, I was wide awake, I did not consume any alcohol, nor was I under any medication. The drawing attached to this report is an accurate representation of what I saw. I believe that what I saw was not human nor any recognisable animal I had seen in my life. I am prepared to take an oath in a court of law or swear on a stack of Bibles that I am telling the absolute truth about what I saw that night.

I forward this report for your information.

Yours faithfully

**UFO****Sighting Report**

Phoenix, Arizona US

Mass sighting

March 13, 1997, Thursday
approximately 10:45pm.

Looking up to the sky overhead home on N. 12th Street, East of N. 7th Street and North of Thunderbird Road.

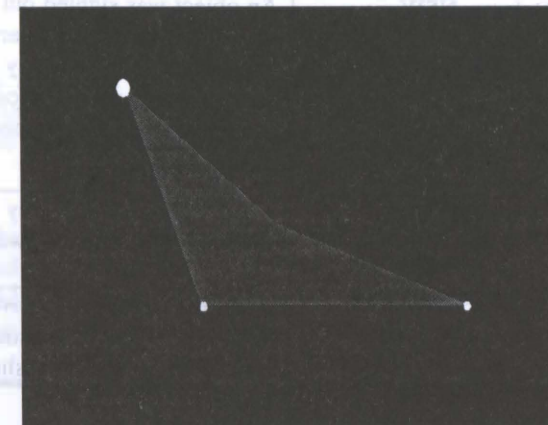
The UFO was sighted as the shape shown here, wide wings with white-yellow lights on wing tips and one at the front, total of 3 lights.

The object was heading eastward from the west.

It was large in comparison to planes. It had a sound like some kind of engine but not like a jet sound. It appeared larger than passenger jets but not as high in the sky as jets appear. It also did not move as fast as other planes, but seemed to be a very large object smoothly sailing through the sky.

I watched it move eastwardly until it disappeared out of sight. It did not change directions or change speed (It seemed very consistent in its speed and direction.)

Observer: Janet Garbero. Thanks also to Thomas Olsen.



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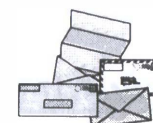
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Local Sightings

Burwood, Vic. July 22:30hrs	Observer reported two objects hovering when first noticed then suddenly sped toward Mulgrave at fantastic speed. One object was above the other. The witness estimated the objects to be about one kilometer away. No sound was heard. No lights only a glow.
Dalemy, NSW January 18:30-19:00	An object was sighted out to sea near Montague Island. It was a strange object appearing to change shape which finally turned into a cigar appearance. It was grey in color. It was close to the water. It was stationary for a few seconds there was no sound or lights. The object suddenly sped away without "building up speed gradually." It accelerated instantaneously.
Warbuton, Vic. 1 st June 19:30	A triangular shaped grey object flashing a red light flying east to west slow at first then sped away at a fast speed. No sound heard.
Seville, Vic. 21 st October, 1978	A report recently received which occurred on the same evening of Frederick Valentich encounter. A red circular object appeared to almost crash into house then shot away at a fantastic speed. No sound was heard.
The following independent reports were received following an incident in the Chelsea area of Melbourne on Tuesday the 5th of August, 1997 and are still under investigation by VUFORS.	
Patterson Lakes area, Vic. 5 th August 21:40pm	2 witnesses watched 5 orange balls - one very bright - hovering in a circle. The large one had a big red light underneath and appeared to be dropping something which resembled sparklers. They all appeared lower than the stars on the horizon and were equidistant apart. Certainly not attached - too far apart. They hovered for some time, then went over the Bay, too fast to be an aircraft. They came from the north then went west and disappeared in three minutes.
Carrum, Vic. 5 th August 21:30-21:45pm	7 orange/pink lights in the shape of a diamond - changed shape to an arrow - moved off - then changed to a heart shape and two different triangles. It was very quiet - the dogs weren't barking as they had been - the large object seemed like the body part of a helicopter minus rotors and tail, appeared to drop something like a red light then sped out over the sea. The little lights went at a different speed - aircraft speed - would go fast then hover, then fast again, eventually going towards the Bay. Many cars returning from Chelsea Heights pulled in to the side of the road to watch.
Chelsea, Vic. 5 th August 21:30pm	Formation of UFO's - one ahead of 5 other little ones - heading towards the Bay - west - "mothercraft" had a red dome - was rather high, could not define the shape. The red dome slowly left the ship and fell at a steady pace, to the ground. No flame, no flare - size of a tennis ball and blood red in color - no sound.



Letters to the EDITOR

On Saturday, 7th June at approximately 11:00-11:30pm, a friend and I saw an object rapidly cross the sky in seconds.

It appeared low in the sky, coming from the south and heading north. From our viewpoint, the object was golf-ball sized and was a bright, fiery orange colour with a tail. Just before the object disappeared behind hills, a smaller ball of the same colour, shot out of the larger ball and went upwards the appeared to vanish.

It was a moon-less and cloudless night and this sighting was beautiful against the dark night sky. We are both disappointed no mention was made in the local papers or news, and I am hoping you have received reports on the object and I would welcome any information you may have on this. The thing may have been a meteor, but I do not honestly know for sure.

Dear VUFORS,

A friend of mine came to me to relate her recent sighting. I thought it of interest and decided to send it to you for your records.

At 6:45pm on the 27th of May, 1997 while getting out of their car, C's son N excitedly asked her to look up at what he saw.

C noticed a formation of four white points of light, three of them in a triangle, and the fourth off to the side of this formation. They were the brightness of a good magnitude star, and were seen without obstruction as the night was clear with a half moon. While watching these objects she saw them travel quickly towards the north-east and disappear into the starlit sky within seconds, while maintaining their formation.

C believes that they were not meteors or high flying planes as they left no trail, travelled in a straight line outwards from the planet (as opposed to beyond the horizon) and moved at a speed beyond any aircraft she has ever seen.

Thank you NM for the report. Ed.



GAPSTED REPORT.

INITIAL & OPENING REPORT.

INITIAL REPORT.

On Wednesday the 18th of December, 1996, I received information of the sighting of an object in the Gapsted area on Monday the 16th of December, 1996. The initial report came from a S.S who resides in the Gapsted area. Along with his report on this date it appears that there were a total of eight (8) witnesses. It was arranged that I would leave a quantity of reports with S.S who would distribute then among the other witnesses who also reside within the Gapsted area.

It so happens that on this date being Monday the 16th of December, 1996, the Police Airwing were in the area with a helicopter. At first I thought that this may be the object that was observed. The Airwing were in the area on Wednesday and I had the opportunity to discuss this with the Pilot. He informed me that the aircraft was not in that particular area on that day and had not flown in that vicinity. On that particular day they were some distance from Gapsted.

It was on the 19th of December, 96, that the Sighting Reports were delivered to S.S. As a result of the holidays and the Christmas period it was some time before I received the reports back.

LOCATION:

The object was observed from Gapsted which is situated approximately Eleven (11) kilometres North/ North West of Myrtleford. This area is a farming district involved in Tobacco, Hops, and Cattle. The area is hilly but not excessively wooded with the Ovens River and numerous small creeks running throughout the country side. Also in the near distance are mountain ranges being Mount Buffalo and Mount Hotham. Wangaratta is approximately Forty-Six (46) kilometres North West of the Gapsted area via road. The largest airstrip is Drage Airworld approximately Twenty (25) kilometres North West of Gapsted as the crow flies. Eurobin has a small airstrip on the South side of Myrtleford.

DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

Upon receiving the descriptions of the object observed and having spoken to other witnesses who at this stage have felt that they should not complete the sighting forms, it appears that we have a discrepancy in the actual shape. It is however minor considering the possible distance. The common description is a cigar shaped object and bright white. The sun was up and it appears to have been reflecting on the actual object. Another description is a wedged shaped object and of the same colour. The third description was observed through binoculars and this witness stated that the object was a similar shape to an aircraft wing and the same colour as stated by the other witnesses. Upon conversing with this witness, who at this stage has not completed a sighting report but, is in the process of doing so, stated that he was unable to observe any other part of an aircraft and just likened the shape to the wing of an aircraft. He observed the object for only a couple of minutes.

ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS:

On the day in question being Monday the 16th of December, 1996, the time 1945 hrs, the weather was fine, very warm and dry. The sun was still up and was at approximately 30 degrees due west. There were no clouds and visibility was extremely good. There was a mild breeze. Daylight saving is operating and at the time of the sighting it was day light.

OBSERVATION POINT:

The area where the object was witnessed by all parties consists of a large farm house with surrounding sheds. A short distance from this farm house is a smaller house. To get to the main house you are required to travel along a driveway for approximately three to four hundred metres (300 to 400 metres) in a south west direction before entering the fenced off area surrounding the house. Around the north western side of the house there are large trees assisting in the shading of the premises. Machinery also surround the premises. The actual observation point was on the South West Side of the main house. There are two sheds between the witnesses and the object. It was actually observed between two sheds. Some of the witnesses actually stood in the back of a utility to get a clearer view. There were no other objects in the vicinity that would obstruct their view. Photographs were taken from different locations from the actual observation points.

S.S:

It was on Monday the 16th of December, 1996 at about 7.45pm. when I was returning home from work in Wangaratta. I was driving up my driveway which faces in a westerly direction. The Sun was still up and it was still reasonably high in the sky and to my right. The day was hot and clear. There were no clouds in the sky and there was a mild breeze. As I was approaching my house I saw this bright object in the sky. It was about 60 to 65 degrees above the horizon and to the left and above a large hill.. I then parked the ute at the back of the house being on the western side of the house. I was still able to see the object between two sheds. It was stationary and was not altering shape or size. I then went inside and got my wife and children along with some friends who all came out to see the object. We all went out the back of the house and we even stood in the back of the ute to get a clearer view. We watched the object for about twenty (20) minutes and it appeared stationary and then moved slowly or drifted behind the hill. It was very slow moving. We all watched it drift behind the trees on the top of the hill and then totally disappear behind the hill. The object was cigar shaped about the size of a five (5) cent piece held at arms length. I will add that the object looked flat and the colour was white and very bright. The sun may have been reflecting off the object. What initially attracted my attention to the object was the size and the white colour and that it appeared not to be moving. The object made no noise and the colour remained constant and there was no strobing or pulsating of the light. I do not believe that it was an aircraft of any sort. I have observed aircraft of all types in that area and it was not similar to any that I have seen on previous occasions. We had a clear view of the object until it dropped behind the hill. It did not appear to be moving away from us as it never altered shape, brightness or size. For quiet a period of time I believed that it was stationary. I have no explanation as to what this object may have been.



K.S:

It was on Monday the 16th of December, 1996 at about 7.45pm. I was at home and inside when my husband S.S arrived home. I noticed that he parked the ute at the back of the house and came in and asked us to come outside and have a look at something in the sky. My daughters and some friends also went outside and we went to the back of the house. S.S pointed out this object that was above a hill in the west. The sun was still up and it was bright daylight. The day was clear of clouds and it was warm weather. I was able to see this object very clearly. It was the shape of a cigar and was quiet large. It was white in colour, very bright and stationary. The sun may have been reflecting of it and I believe that it may have been metallic. I could only see the one object. We watched the object for about Twenty (20) minutes. It moved slowly down behind a hill. It was moving to it's right and moving slowly down at an angle behind the hill. I heard no noise. The object never changed shape, size or colour. I have no idea what it may be. The others also watched it. We were able to see it between two sheds. Even after the object disappeared it was still daylight and visibility was good.

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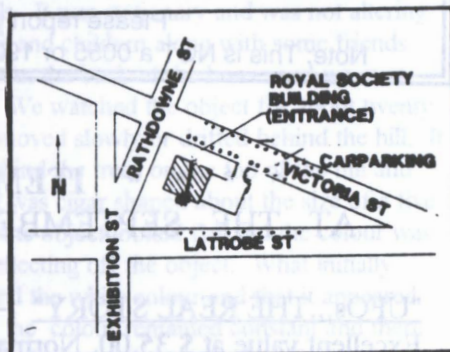
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SOCIETY HISTORY

1957

At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered – this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

In 1978, following the resignation of Mr. Peter Norris the current executive, Mrs. Judith Magee, Messrs. Paul Norman and Clive Yates, was placed in control, ensuring the continuing prosperity of V.U.F.O.R.S. The Society has held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in general meetings and discussion nights and maintained the largest U.F.O. library in the southern hemisphere. Unfortunately, the loss of books, probably due to the high cost of postage has forced V.U.F.O.R.S. to discontinue this service to members.

Membership of this Society – which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere – is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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